

REMARKS

With the entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-10 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10 have been amended to place them in more conventional U.S. patent claim format. Claims 11-17 have been cancelled without prejudice. No new matter has been added.

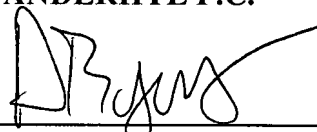
In response to the restriction requirement, applicant hereby elects the Group I species and identifies claims 1-10 directed to the species.

Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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